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## ANNOUNCING ARBOR DAY GRANT PROGRAM ~ 2005

The Idaho Department of Lands, Avista Utilities, Idaho Power and Utah Power are happy to announce the **2005 Grant Program to promote the observance of ARBOR DAY in Idaho**. For the third year, we have joined together to help encourage an appreciation for healthy, community forests through this grant program.

Arbor Day is a celebration of trees and the many benefits they provide. We are proud—through this combined effort—to offer grants to cities celebrating Arbor Day. Sharing the important role of managing your community's trees, together we can help assure the proper tree is always selected when planting near utility lines and that trees are cared for throughout the community. As sponsors, we strongly believe that education regarding trees and their care is a top priority in the prevention of tree/utility conflicts. It is our hope these grants will provide an opportunity for communities to celebrate the importance of trees through tree planting and other tree related educational activities at their Arbor Day event.

**70 grants of \$150 each are available to support Arbor Day celebrations in Idaho's communities.** The funds come from the citizen-supported Idaho Community Forestry Trust Account to which our company sponsors—Utah Power, Idaho Power and Avista Utilities contributed. The grant funds may be used to purchase trees, refreshments, Arbor Day T-shirts, handouts, or other items to enhance the Arbor Day celebration in your community.

**Applications must be on file in the Coeur d'Alene office of the Idaho Department of Lands by 4:30 p.m. on March 14, 2005.** They may be delivered in person, mailed or faxed. Because the time frame for this program is so tight, please make sure the application is clearly and completely filled out. Unclear or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All application materials are also available at the Community Forestry web page: [www.idaho.gov/lands](http://www.idaho.gov/lands) (click on community forestry).

70 grants will be awarded and all applicants will be notified the week of March 21st.

This is a reimbursement grant, which means that the grantee cities must submit copies of paid invoices, with check numbers, in the amount of \$150 to receive payment for the grant. The legislation that established the Idaho Community Forestry Trust Account requires a 35% match in cash or in-kind donation by the grantee. The match amount for this grant will be \$52.50. Records to substantiate a minimum of \$52.50 must be kept on file. The match records will be requested from five grantees randomly selected by the Idaho Department of Lands.

Idaho joins most other states in annually celebrating Arbor Day on the last Friday in April, the 29<sup>th</sup> this year. However, trees and planting conditions don't honor calendars—your community may choose to celebrate Arbor Day on a different date.



**We encourage your city to apply and to have a memorable ARBOR DAY celebration.**